

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 46

Post Meridiem

The House met according to Adjournment.

M<sup>r</sup> Harris delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker a Bill entituled, An Act empowering the Iustices of Talbot and St. Mary's County Courts to allow, at the laying their next County Levy, unto Ionas Green of the City of Annapolis, Printer, the sums therein mentioned; which was read the first and second Time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the Upper House by M<sup>r</sup> Dulany and Col. Scarborough.

The House having considered the representation of the several Naval officers, the following message was prepared and sent to the Upper House by M<sup>r</sup> Harris and M<sup>r</sup> Harrison (See page 298.)

p. 617 M<sup>r</sup> Key appears in the House. Col Tasker from the Upper House delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the Bill entituled An Act empowering the Iustices of Talbot and St. Mary's County Courts to allow, at the laying their next County Levy, unto Jonas Green &c Indorsed (See page 299.)

Which Bill was read, and passed for Ingrossing

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker communicated to the House the following Message from his Excellency

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

In Answer to your Address of the 24<sup>th</sup> of June, I agree with you that the Letters wrote by the Governors Shirly and Clinton relating to the Indians shew those "Gentlemen's ability, and Care for their Governments," and I sincerely wish that all his Majesty's Subjects were equally Sollicitous for their own Defence and Safety, as you allow those Gentlemen to be, as to your observation that M<sup>r</sup> Shirley was not well advised of what the Lower House of Assembly had done in favour of the Expedition to Cape Breton if you mean what was done in relation to a supply for the Defence of the Garrison of Lewisburg after it was reduced to his Majesty's obedience, I assure you, you are mistaken, and that instead of his not being well advised, he was fully acquainted with the Endeavours which were used on my Part with a late memorable Lower House of Assembly now no more to obtain a Supply for the Defence of that important Acquisition as well as the Measures that were taken by that House who, under the strongest Professions of Duty Loyalty and Affection to Our most Gracious Sovereign made use of every barefaced and dilatory Expedient to prevent any Supply from being given especially by takeing to that Bill a Provision for raising a Sum of Money for Purposes quite foreign to that Service and which they well knew had been frequently before disagreed to by the Upper House and would not be passed by them. This M<sup>r</sup> Shirley was advised of therefore that Expression in his Letter of our Assembly who had done so little, ought by any Advocates for that House of Assembly, if there can be advocates for them, to be taken for a Compliment, Since it supposes they did something, whereas in truth they did nothing.